In response to that Office Action, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 7, and 9, and add Claim 10, to read as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is appended):

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(Amended) An image processing method comprising the steps of inputting output characteristics data corresponding to each of a

plurality of output apparatuses that output an image, including a reference output apparatus;

calculating correction data corresponding to the other output apparatus on the basis of the output characteristics data of the reference output apparatus and the output characteristics data of the other output apparatus; and

managing the calculated correction data corresponding to each of the output apparatuses,

wherein, in association with a revision of the output characteristics data of the reference output apparatus, the correction data corresponding to the other output apparatus is revised on the basis of the revised output characteristics data of the reference output apparatus.

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7. (Amended) An image processing apparatus which can communicate to a plurality of output apparatuses that output an image, including a reference output

apparatus, said image processing apparatus comprising:

a correction processor, adapted to calculate a correcting process to image data by using correction data according to the output apparatus;

an input unit, adapted to input output characteristics data of each output apparatus of said plurality of output apparatuses that output an image, including the reference output apparatus;

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a management unit, adapted to manage the calculated correction data corresponding to each of the output apparatuses; and

a revision unit, adapted to revise the correction data corresponding to the other output apparatus on the basis of the output characteristics data of the reference output apparatus and the output characteristics data of the other output apparatus.

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9. (Amended) A memory medium in which a program for an image processing method has been stored, wherein said program comprises the steps of:

inputting output characteristics data corresponding to each of a plurality of output apparatuses that output an image, including a reference output apparatus;

calculating correction data corresponding to the other output apparatus on the basis of the output characteristics data of the reference output apparatus and the output characteristics data of the other output apparatus; and

managing the calculated correction data corresponding to each of the output apparatuses,

wherein, in association with a revision of the output characteristics

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data of the reference output apparatus, the correction data corresponding to the other output apparatus is revised on the basis of the revised output characteristics data of the reference output apparatus.

--10. (New) A computer program for an image processing method comprising:

inputting output characteristics data corresponding to each of a plurality of output apparatuses that output an image including a reference output apparatus; calculating correction data corresponding to the other output apparatus on the basis of the output characteristics data of said reference output apparatus and the output characteristics data of said other output apparatus; and managing the calculated correction data corresponding to each of said output apparatuses,

wherein, in association with a revise of said output characteristics data of said reference output apparatus, said correction data corresponding to the other output apparatus is revised on the basis of said revised output characteristics data of said reference output apparatus.--

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 5, 2001. Claims 1-10 are now pending in this application. Claim 10 has been added to provide Applicant with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 1, 7, and 9 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention, in terms that